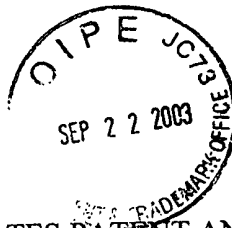


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For: MAGNETO-OPTICAL
RECORDING MEDIUM HAVING
TWO UNDERLYING LAYERS
HAVING DIFFERENT
CHARACTERISTICS AND METHOD
OF PRODUCING THE SAME

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: Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents is found in the specification where they are cited, in an attached abstract and in a corresponding U.S. patent, if provided.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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